IHCP clarifies effective dates for telehealth policy updates

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced in IHCP Bulletin BT202142 policy updates associated with Senate Enrolled Act 3 (SEA 3), which codified the ability of the IHCP to provide expanded telehealth services initially granted to the IHCP during the Governor’s Declaration of Public Health Emergency for Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak.

The IHCP is clarifying that SEA 3 was effective immediately upon passage on April 20, 2021. However, to ensure healthcare providers have adequate time to implement these provisions and transition from the changes made during the public health emergency, per Executive Order 21-13, any directives granted via Executive Order 20-05, 20-12 and 20-13 in regard to telehealth, will remain in place through July 10, 2021. Therefore, the effective date of the requirements in BT202142 and SEA 3 is July 11, 2021.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 11, 2021, providers that can deliver healthcare services via telehealth must be listed as an authorized practitioner in SEA 3. Providers not listed as authorized practitioners in SEA 3 are not permitted to practice telehealth and/or receive IHCP reimbursement for telehealth services, even under the supervision of one of these listed practitioners. For more information on which practitioners are authorized to utilize telehealth services per their scope of licensure, see BT202142 and SEA 3.

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